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SUBJ: DETENTION OF AMERICAN M/V SEAQUEST IN TURBO, COLOMBIA

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PASS: US COAST GUARD SEVENTH DISTRICT MIAMI

MR. EDWIN ARTLEY, CREW MEMBER OF THE SEAQUEST, CALLED THE CONSULATE FROM TURBO AT 1315GMT OCTOBER 5 TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE CRIMINAL INSTRUCTION JUDGE INVESTIGATING THE CHARGES FILED BY THE TUGBOAT CAPTAIN STATED ON OCTOBER 4 THAT HIS INVESTIGATION WOULD BE COMPLETED ON OCTOBER, AND EXPECTED THAT THE CHARGES WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED BY THE INVESTIGATION. ACCORDING TO ARTLEY, THE JUDGE SAID THE BOAT COULD PROBABLY LEAVE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, FOR THE UNITED STATES.
2. THE PORT CAPTAIN HAS FINED THE BOAT 3000 COLOMBIAN PESOS (US\$150) FOR UNDOCUMENTED ENTRY, AND UPON PAYMENT OF THE FINE, THE PORT CAPTAINCY HAS NO OBJECTION TO IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE OF THE SEAQUEST.
3. ARTLEY REPORTS THAT REPAIRS TO THE PROW OF THE SEAQUEST. WHICH WAS DAMAGED WHEN TOWED INTO TURBO, ARE HALF COMPLETED AND SHOULD BE FINISHED BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 8. THE REPAIRS

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ARE EXPECTED TO COST ABOUT DOLLARS 1500.

4. ARTLEY ALSO REPORTS THAT NONE OF THE CREWMEMBERS HAS ANY MONEY, EITHER FOR THE FINE TO BE PAID TO THE PORT CAPTAIN. OR TO COVER THE REPAIR COSTS.

5. SEAQUEST OWNER HARRY DONNER AND CREW MEMBER MATTHIS RETURNED TO FLORIDA ON OCTOBER 3.

6. CONSULATES REQUESTS DEPARTMENT CONTACT HARRY DONNER AT (813) 867-6787 AND TELL HIM TO CONTACT AMCONSULATE MEDELLIN TAYLOR

NOTE BY OCT: PASSED USCG, MIAMI.

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